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SUBJECT: NORTH VIETNAM/VIET CONG DELEGATION TO NEW ZEALAND

REF: WELLINGTON 969

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT THAT THERE IS LITTLE WE COULD PROFITABLY DO TO REVERSE GNZ DECISION IN THIS INSTANCE. THE VISIT CERTAINLY HAS SOME POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE, BUT MAY BE MINIMIZED IN VIEW OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONTEXT. HOWEVER, THE DELEGATION'S PRESENCE COULD LEAD TO INCREASED PRESSURE FOR MORE FAR-REACHING DIPLOMATIC MOVES BY GNZ. THIS CONCERNS US MORE THAN VISIT ITSELF, AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REGISTER OUR CONCERN IN THIS REGARD.

2. YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS VISIT WITH SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS, NOTING THAT INVITATION TO NVN/
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PRG DELEGATES SEEMS TO US TO BE MOST UNTIMELY GIVEN

NVA/PRG MASSIVE VIOLATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT. YOUR PRESENTATION SHOULD STRESS THAT WE HOPE THE VISIT WILL BE LIMITED TO THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR CONTEXT ONLY AND IN NO WAY PRESAGE ANY UPGRADING OF NEW ZEALAND CONTACTS WITH THE PRG. AT A TIME WHEN NVA/VIET CONG HAVE LAUNCHED FULL SCALE MILITARY OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, ANY

GESTURE BY THE GNZ TOWARD THE PRG WOULD BE PARTICULARLY HARMFUL TO GRVN INTERESTS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT GNZ WILL MAKE EFFORT TO PREVENT DELEGATIONS FROM EXPLOITING THEIR PRESENCE IN NZ AS PROPAGANDA FORUM TO ATTACK GVN OR USG ON ISSUES HAVING NO RELEVANCE TO INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR. WE ALSO HOPE THAT THE GNZ WILL CONTINUE TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE IMPACT OF ITS POSITIONS TOWARD BOTH NVN AND THE PRG IN THE LARGER CONTEXT OF THE LIKELY IMPACT ON THE STABILITY OF THE GVN. KISSINGER

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